REFERENCE TITLE: weapons; peace officers; posse; reserves

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 11-441, 13-3102, 13-3112 AND 38-1102, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PEACE OFFICERS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 11-441, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

11-441. Powers and duties

- A. The sheriff shall:
- 1. Preserve the peace.
- 2. Arrest and take before the nearest magistrate for examination all persons who attempt to commit or who have committed a public offense.
- 3. Prevent and suppress all affrays, breaches of the peace, riots and insurrections which may come to the knowledge of the sheriff.
- 4. Attend all courts, except justice and municipal courts, when an element of danger is anticipated and attendance is requested by the presiding judge, and obey lawful orders and directions issued by the judge.
- 5. Take charge of and keep the county jail, including a county jail under the jurisdiction of a county jail district, and the prisoners in the county jail.
- 6. Endorse upon all process and notices the year, month, day, hour and minute of reception, and issue to the person delivering it, on payment of fees, a certificate showing the names of the parties, title of paper and time of reception.
- 7. Serve process and notices in the manner prescribed by law and certify under the sheriff's hand upon the process or notices the manner and time of service, or if the sheriff fails to make service, the reasons for failure, and return them without delay. When returnable to another county, the sheriff may enclose such process or notices in an envelope, addressed to the officer from whom received, and deposit it postage prepaid in the post office. The return of the sheriff is prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the return.
- 8. Secure, as soon as possible, the home of a deceased person located outside the boundaries of an incorporated city or town if the sheriff is unable to determine or locate the heirs or executor of the deceased person.
- B. The sheriff may in the execution of the duties prescribed in subsection A, paragraphs 1 through 4 command the aid of as many inhabitants of the county as the sheriff deems necessary.
- C. The sheriff shall conduct or coordinate within the county search or rescue operations involving the life or health of any person, or may assist in such operations in another county at the request of that county's sheriff, and may request assistance from any persons or agencies in the fulfillment of duties under this subsection.
- D. The sheriff, in the execution of the duties prescribed in this section, may request the aid of volunteer posse and reserve organizations located in the county.
- E. The sheriff may assist in the execution of the duties prescribed in this section in another county at the request of that county's sheriff.

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- F. The sheriff may require any prisoner who is on work release to reimburse the county for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the release.
- G. The board of supervisors of a county bordering the Republic of Mexico may adopt an ordinance pursuant to chapter 2 of this title allowing the sheriff to prevent the entry from this state into the republic of Mexico at the border by any resident of this state who is under eighteen years of age if the minor is unaccompanied by a parent or guardian or does not have written consent for entry from a parent or guardian. The authority of the sheriff is only to prevent entry and not to otherwise detain the minor. This subsection shall not be construed to limit the authority of the sheriff pursuant to any other law. A county is not civilly or criminally liable for not adopting an ordinance pursuant to this subsection.
- H. NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 13-3112, THE SHERIFF MAY AUTHORIZE MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFF'S VOLUNTEER POSSE OR RESERVE ORGANIZATION WHO HAVE RECEIVED FIREARMS TRAINING THAT IS APPROVED BY THE ARIZONA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD TO CARRY A DEADLY WEAPON WITHOUT A PERMIT.
 - Sec. 2. Section 13-3102, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 13-3102. Misconduct involving weapons; defenses; classification; definitions
 - A. A person commits misconduct involving weapons by knowingly:
- 1. Carrying a deadly weapon without a permit pursuant to section 13-3112 except a pocket knife concealed on his person; or
- 2. Carrying a deadly weapon without a permit pursuant to section 13-3112 concealed within immediate control of any person in or on a means of transportation; or
- $3.\,$ Manufacturing, possessing, transporting, selling or transferring a prohibited weapon; or
- 4. Possessing a deadly weapon or prohibited weapon if such person is a prohibited possessor; or
- 5. Selling or transferring a deadly weapon to a prohibited possessor; or
 - 6. Defacing a deadly weapon; or
- 7. Possessing a defaced deadly weapon knowing the deadly weapon was defaced; or
- 8. Using or possessing a deadly weapon during the commission of any felony offense included in chapter 34 of this title; or
- 9. Discharging a firearm at an occupied structure in order to assist, promote or further the interests of a criminal street gang, a criminal syndicate or a racketeering enterprise; or
- 10. Unless specifically authorized by law, entering any public establishment or attending any public event and carrying a deadly weapon on his person after a reasonable request by the operator of the establishment or the sponsor of the event or the sponsor's agent to remove his weapon and place it in the custody of the operator of the establishment or the sponsor

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of the event for temporary and secure storage of the weapon pursuant to section 13-3102.01; or

- 11. Unless specifically authorized by law, entering an election polling place on the day of any election carrying a deadly weapon; or
 - 12. Possessing a deadly weapon on school grounds; or
- 13. Unless specifically authorized by law, entering a nuclear or hydroelectric generating station carrying a deadly weapon on his person or within the immediate control of any person; or
- 14. Supplying, selling or giving possession or control of a firearm to another person if the person knows or has reason to know that the other person would use the firearm in the commission of any felony; or
- 15. Using, possessing or exercising control over a deadly weapon in furtherance of any act of terrorism as defined in section 13-2301 or possessing or exercising control over a deadly weapon knowing or having reason to know that it will be used to facilitate any act of terrorism as defined in section 13-2301.
- B. Subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section shall not apply to a person in his dwelling, on his business premises or on real property owned or leased by that person.
- C. Subsection A, paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of this section shall not apply to:
- 1. A peace officer or any person summoned by any peace officer to assist and while actually assisting in the performance of official duties; or
- 2. A member of the military forces of the United States or of any state of the United States in the performance of official duties; or
- 3. A warden, deputy warden or correctional officer of the state department of corrections; or
- 4. A person specifically licensed, authorized or permitted pursuant to a statute of this state or of the United States.
- D. SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO:
- 1. A MEMBER OF A SHERIFF'S VOLUNTEER POSSE OR RESERVE ORGANIZATION WHO HAS RECEIVED FIREARMS TRAINING THAT IS APPROVED BY THE ARIZONA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD AND WHO IS AUTHORIZED BY THE SHERIFF TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON PURSUANT TO SECTION 11-441.
- 2. A RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO POSSESSES A PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION THAT STATES THE PERSON IS HONORABLY RETIRED FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THIS STATE AND WAS EMPLOYED FULL-TIME BY THE AGENCY FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS.
- $rac{ extsf{D.}}{ extsf{C}}$ E. Subsection A, paragraphs 3 and 7 of this section shall not apply to:
- 1. The possessing, transporting, selling or transferring of weapons by a museum as a part of its collection or an educational institution for educational purposes or by an authorized employee of such museum or institution, if:

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- (a) Such museum or institution is operated by the United States or this state or a political subdivision of this state, or by an organization described in 26 United States Code section 170(c) as a recipient of a charitable contribution; and
- (b) Reasonable precautions are taken with respect to theft or misuse of such material.
 - 2. The regular and lawful transporting as merchandise; or
- 3. Acquisition by a person by operation of law such as by gift, devise or descent or in a fiduciary capacity as a recipient of the property or former property of an insolvent, incapacitated or deceased person.
- F. Subsection A, paragraph 3 of this section shall not apply to the merchandise of an authorized manufacturer of or dealer in prohibited weapons, when such material is intended to be manufactured, possessed, transported, sold or transferred solely for or to a dealer, a regularly constituted or appointed state, county or municipal police department or police officer, a detention facility, the military service of this or another state or the United States, a museum or educational institution or a person specifically licensed or permitted pursuant to federal or state law.
- F. G. Subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section shall not apply to a weapon or weapons THAT ARE carried in a belt holster which MANNER WHERE ANY PORTION OF THE WEAPON OR A holster IN WHICH THE WEAPON IS CARRIED is wholly or partially visible, or THAT ARE carried in a scabbard or case designed for carrying weapons which AND ANY PORTION OF THE WEAPON, scabbard or case is wholly or partially visible or THAT ARE carried in luggage. Subsection A, paragraph 2 of this section shall not apply to a weapon or weapons carried in a case, holster, scabbard, pack or luggage that is carried within a means of transportation or within a storage compartment, map pocket, trunk or glove compartment of a means of transportation.
- G. H. Subsection A, paragraph 10 of this section shall not apply to shooting ranges or shooting events, hunting areas or similar locations or activities.
- H. I. Subsection A, paragraph 3 of this section shall not apply to a weapon described in section 13-3101, subsection A, paragraph 7, subdivision (e), if such weapon is possessed for the purposes of preparing for, conducting or participating in lawful exhibitions, demonstrations, contests or athletic events involving the use of such weapon. Subsection A, paragraph 12 of this section shall not apply to a weapon if such weapon is possessed for the purposes of preparing for, conducting or participating in hunter or firearm safety courses.
- ${\tt I.}$ J. Subsection A, paragraph 12 of this section shall not apply to the possession of a:
- 1. Firearm that is not loaded and that is carried within a means of transportation under the control of an adult provided that if the adult leaves the means of transportation the firearm shall not be visible from the

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outside of the means of transportation and the means of transportation shall be locked.

- 2. Firearm for use on the school grounds in a program approved by a school.
- J. K. The operator of the establishment or the sponsor of the event or the employee of the operator or sponsor or the agent of the sponsor, including a public entity or public employee, is not liable for acts or omissions pursuant to subsection A, paragraph 10 of this section unless the operator, sponsor, employee or agent intended to cause injury or was grossly negligent.
- K. L. Misconduct involving weapons under subsection A, paragraph 9, 14 or 15 of this section is a class 3 felony. Misconduct involving weapons under subsection A, paragraph 3, 4, 8 or 13 of this section is a class 4 felony. Misconduct involving weapons under subsection A, paragraph 12 of this section is a class 1 misdemeanor unless the violation occurs in connection with conduct which THAT violates the provisions of section 13-2308, subsection A, paragraph 5, section 13-2312, subsection C, section 13-3409 or section 13-3411, in which case the offense is a class 6 felony. Misconduct involving weapons under subsection A, paragraph 5, 6 or 7 of this section is a class 6 felony. Misconduct involving weapons under subsection A, paragraph 1, 2, 10 or 11 of this section is a class 1 misdemeanor.
 - ← M. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "Public establishment" means a structure, vehicle or craft that is owned, leased or operated by this state or a political subdivision of this state.
- 2. "Public event" means a specifically named or sponsored event of limited duration THAT IS either conducted by a public entity or conducted by a private entity with a permit or license granted by a public entity. Public event does not include an unsponsored gathering of people in a public place.
- 3. "School" means a public or nonpublic kindergarten program, common school or high school.
 - 4. "School grounds" means in, or on the grounds of, a school.
 - Sec. 3. Section 13-3112, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

13-3112. Concealed weapons; qualification; application; permit to carry; certificate of firearms proficiency; training program; program instructors; report; applicability; violation; classification

- A. The department of public safety shall issue a permit to carry a concealed weapon to a person who is qualified under this section. The person shall carry the permit at all times when the person is in actual possession of the concealed weapon and shall present the permit for inspection to any law enforcement officer on request.
- B. A person who fails to carry the permit at all times that the person is in actual possession of a concealed weapon may have the permit suspended. The department of public safety shall be notified of all violations of this

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section and shall immediately suspend the permit. The permittee shall present the permit to the law enforcement agency or the court. On notification of the presentation of the permit, the department shall restore the permit.

- C. The permit of a person who is arrested or indicted for an offense that would make the person unqualified under section 13-3101, subsection A, paragraph 6 or this section shall be immediately suspended and seized. The permit of a person who becomes unqualified on conviction of that offense shall be revoked. The permit shall be restored on presentation of documentation from the court if the permittee is found not guilty or the charges are dismissed. The permit shall be restored on presentation of documentation from the county attorney that the charges against the permittee were dropped or dismissed.
- D. A permittee who carries a concealed weapon and who fails to present a permit for inspection on the request of a law enforcement officer is guilty of a petty offense. A permittee shall not be convicted of a violation of this subsection if the permittee produces to the court a legible permit that is issued to the permittee and that was valid at the time the violation of this subsection occurred.
- E. The department of public safety shall issue a permit to an applicant who meets all of the following conditions:
 - 1. Is a resident of this state or a United States citizen.
 - 2. Is twenty-one years of age or older.
- 3. Is not under indictment for and has not been convicted in any jurisdiction of a felony.
- 4. Does not suffer from mental illness and has not been adjudicated mentally incompetent or committed to a mental institution.
 - 5. Is not unlawfully present in the United States.
- 6. Satisfactorily completes a firearms safety training program approved by the department of public safety pursuant to subsection 0 of this section. This paragraph does not apply to:
- (a) A person who is an active duty Arizona peace officer standards and training board certified or federally credentialed peace officer or who is honorably retired as a federal, state or local peace officer with a minimum of ten years of service.
- (b) A person who is an active duty county detention officer and who has been weapons certified by the officer's employing agency.
- (c) A person who is issued a certificate of firearms proficiency pursuant to subsection X of this section.
- (d) A PERSON WHO IS A FULL AUTHORITY ARIZONA PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING BOARD CERTIFIED RESERVE PEACE OFFICER.
- F. The application shall be completed on a form prescribed by the department of public safety. The form shall not require the applicant to disclose the type of firearm for which a permit is sought. The applicant shall attest under penalty of perjury that all of the statements made by the

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applicant are true. The applicant shall submit the application to the department with a certificate of completion from an approved firearms safety training program, two sets of fingerprints and a reasonable fee determined by the director of the department.

- G. On receipt of a concealed weapon permit application, the department of public safety shall conduct a check of the applicant's criminal history record pursuant to section 41-1750. The department of public safety may exchange fingerprint card information with the federal bureau of investigation for federal criminal history record checks.
- H. The department of public safety shall complete all of the required qualification checks within sixty days after receipt of the application and shall issue a permit within fifteen working days after completing the qualification checks if the applicant meets all of the conditions specified in subsection E of this section. If a permit is denied, the department of public safety shall notify the applicant in writing within fifteen working days after the completion of all of the required qualification checks and shall state the reasons why the application was denied. On receipt of the notification of the denial, the applicant has twenty days to submit any additional documentation to the department. On receipt of the additional documentation, the department shall reconsider its decision and inform the applicant within twenty days of the result of the reconsideration. If denied, the applicant shall be informed that the applicant may request a hearing pursuant to title 41, chapter 6, article 10.
- I. On issuance, a permit is valid for five years, except a permit that is held by a member of the United States armed forces, including a member of the Arizona national guard or a member of the reserves of any military establishment of the United States, who is on federal active duty and who is deployed overseas shall be extended until ninety days after the end of the member's overseas deployment.
- J. The department of public safety shall maintain a computerized permit record system that is accessible to criminal justice agencies for the purpose of confirming the permit status of any person who claims to hold a valid permit issued by this state. This information and any other records that are maintained regarding applicants, permit holders or instructors shall not be available to any other person or entity except on an order from a state or federal court.
- K. Notwithstanding subsection J of this section, it is a defense to any charge for carrying a deadly weapon without a permit by a member of the United States armed forces, including a member of the Arizona national guard or a member of the reserves of any military establishment of the United States, if the member was on federal active duty at the time the permit expired and the member presents documentation indicating release from active duty or reassignment from overseas deployment within the preceding ninety days.

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- L. A permit issued pursuant to this section is renewable every five years. Before a permit may be renewed, a criminal history records check shall be conducted pursuant to section 41-1750 within sixty days after receipt of the application for renewal. For the purposes of permit renewal, the permit holder is not required to submit additional fingerprints.
- M. Applications for renewal shall be accompanied by a fee determined by the director of the department of public safety.
- N. The department of public safety shall suspend or revoke a permit issued under this section if the permit holder becomes ineligible pursuant to subsection E of this section. The department of public safety shall notify the permit holder in writing within fifteen working days after the revocation or suspension and shall state the reasons for the revocation or suspension.
- O. An organization shall apply to the department of public safety for approval of its firearms safety training program. The department shall approve a program that meets the following requirements:
 - 1. Is at least eight hours in length.
 - 2. Is conducted on a pass or fail basis.
- 3. Addresses all of the following topics in a format approved by the director of the department:
 - (a) Legal issues relating to the use of deadly force.
 - (b) Weapon care and maintenance.
 - (c) Mental conditioning for the use of deadly force.
 - (d) Safe handling and storage of weapons.
 - (e) Marksmanship.
 - (f) Judgmental shooting.
- 4. Is conducted by instructors who submit to a background investigation, including a check for warrants and a criminal history records check.
- P. If approved pursuant to subsection 0 of this section, the organization shall submit to the department of public safety two sets of fingerprints from each instructor and a fee to be determined by the director of the department of public safety. On receipt of the fingerprints and fee, the department of public safety shall conduct a check of each instructor's criminal history record pursuant to section 41-1750. The department of public safety may exchange this fingerprint card information with the federal bureau of investigation for federal criminal history record checks.
- Q. The proprietary interest of all approved instructors and programs shall be safeguarded, and the contents of any training program shall not be disclosed to any person or entity other than a bona fide criminal justice agency, except $\frac{1}{2}$ ON an order from a state or federal court.
- R. If the department of public safety rejects a program, the rejected organization may request a hearing pursuant to title 41, chapter 6, article 10.
- S. The department of public safety shall maintain information comparing the number of permits requested, the number of permits issued and

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the number of permits denied. The department shall annually report this information to the governor and the legislature.

- T. The director of the department of public safety shall adopt rules for the purpose of implementing and administering the concealed weapons permit program including fees relating to permits and certificates that are issued pursuant to this section.
- U. This state and any political subdivision of this state shall recognize a concealed weapon, firearm or handgun permit or license that is issued by another state or a political subdivision of another state if both:
 - 1. The permit or license is recognized as valid in the issuing state.
 - 2. The permit or license holder is all of the following:
 - (a) Not a resident of this state.
 - (b) Legally present in this state.
 - (c) Not legally prohibited from possessing a firearm in this state.
- V. For the purpose of establishing mutual permit or license recognition with other states, the department of public safety shall enter into a written agreement if another state requires a written agreement.
- W. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a person with a concealed weapons permit from another state may not carry a concealed weapon in this state if the person is under twenty-one years of age or is under indictment for, or has been convicted of, a felony offense in any jurisdiction, even if the person's rights have been restored and the conviction is expunged, set aside or vacated.
- X. The department of public safety may issue certificates of firearms proficiency according to the Arizona peace officer standards and training board firearms qualification for the purposes of implementing the law enforcement officers safety act of 2004 (P.L. 108-277; 118 Stat. 865; 18 United States Code sections 926B and 926C). A law enforcement agency shall issue to a law enforcement officer who has honorably retired a photographic identification that states that the officer has honorably retired from the agency. The chief law enforcement officer shall determine whether an officer has honorably retired and the determination is not subject to review. A law enforcement agency has no obligation to revoke, alter or modify the honorable discharge photographic identification based on conduct that the agency becomes aware of or that occurs after the officer has separated from the agency.
 - Sec. 4. Section 38-1102, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 38-1102. Carrying of firearms by peace officers; exceptions; definitions
- A. This state, a county, a city or town or any other political subdivision of this state shall not prohibit NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION, a peace officer SHALL NOT BE PROHIBITED from carrying a firearm if the peace officer is in compliance with the firearm requirements prescribed by the Arizona peace officer standards and training board.

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- B. A peace officer may be prohibited from carrying a firearm as follows:
 - 1. In a jail, correctional facility or juvenile detention facility.
 - 2. By order of:
- (a) The presiding judge or justice when attending any court that is established pursuant to the constitution of this state or title 12, except if the peace officer is providing court security or responding to an emergency.
- (b) A justice court when attending the justice court, except if the peace officer is providing court security or responding to an emergency.
- (c) A municipal court when attending the municipal court, except if the peace officer is providing court security or responding to an emergency.
- 3. When the peace officer is relieved of the peace officer's duties DUTY and is under a criminal or administrative investigation.
 - 4. When in a secured police facility.
- 5. When consuming alcohol at a licensed liquor establishment operated by this state, a county, a city or town, or any other political subdivision of this state, except if the peace officer's employing agency authorizes the consumption of alcohol in the performance of the peace officer's duties.
 - 6. In a location prohibited by federal law.
 - 7. Pursuant to court order.
- 8. Pursuant to any state or federal law that makes the officer a prohibited possessor.
- 9. When in the judgment of the department head, or the department head's designee, the peace officer exhibits any impairment, including any physical or mental impairment that would cause concern for the well-being and safety of the officer, the officer's law enforcement agency, law enforcement agency employees or the community.
- C. A law enforcement agency that employs a peace officer may establish rules that are consistent with this section. The law enforcement agency may determine the number, type, model, caliber and brand of firearm and the ammunition that is carried by its peace officers on or off duty.
- D. This section does not create any civil liability for acting or failing to act.
 - E. For the purposes of this section:
 - 1. "Firearm" has the same meaning prescribed in section 13-105.
 - 2. "Peace officer" has the same meaning prescribed in section 1-215.
- 3. "Relieved of duty" means when a peace officer is no longer required to perform, either temporarily or permanently, the duties for which the officer was employed.
- 4. "Secured police facility" means a building or structure that is used primarily by a public agency and that is not accessible to the general public except by controlled access.

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